

# Lies, Deceit and Nefarious SCHEMES

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Well, here we go again, and again, and again... This is the one and only LDNS. (Or as its commonly referred to as "Oh, my God, is it Saturday AGAIN?" This piece of literary trash is brought to you by Jerry & Pat Jones (with occasional loss of pages due to BJ's uncontrollable appetite.) We live at 1854 Wagner St. Pasadena, CA 91107. Our phone no. is (213) 449-0982. This issue is dedicated to the bottom of human barrel, zine publishers. I can't understand why anyone in his right mind would actually volunteer to become a zine publisher but fortunately they do. (I guess I can understand because I doubt if any of them are in their "right mind." I happen to know for a fact that Tony Watson is in his Left mind). Anyway, this issue is for them, the 'good ol' boys.'

There are no openings in regular Diplomacy (maybe in a month or two.) I do have openings in Kingmaker but if this game does not fill in the next month it will be dropped. Subscription rates for this zine is \$4 for 10 issues. Its a little high but then so are some of the subscribers.

Diplomacy is a game invented by Allan B. Calhamer and copyrighted by Avalon Hill.

Once again the DEMO game receives its rightful place on page one:

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THE DEMO GAME

Fall 1901

AUS (Craig Reges) A Tri-Vie; F Alb-Gre (A Ser S).  
ENG (Bob Sergeant) F Nwg-Nwy; A York-Bel (F Nth C).  
FRA (Jim Diehl) F MAO-Port; A Bur-Bel; A Spa H.  
GER (Lee Kendter Sr.) F Den-Swe; A Kiel-Hol; A Ruh-Mun.  
ITA (Chuck Spiekerman) A Apu-Tun (F Ion C); A Ven H.  
RUS (Leland Harmon) A Gal-Vie; A Ukr-Rum (F Blk S); F Both-Swe.  
TUR (Jack Powers) A Bul-Con; F Ank-Con; F Con-Aeg.

## Supply Chart:

AUS	Home, GRE, SER	.....has	5.....+2
ENG	Home, NWY	.....has	4.....+1
FRA	Home, SPA, PORT	.....has	5.....+2
GER	Home, DEN, HOL	.....has	5.....+2
ITA	Home, TUN	.....has	4.....+1
RUS	Home, RUM	.....has	5.....+1
TUR	Home, BUL	.....has	4.....+1

## COMMENTARY (Eric Verheiden)

Fall 1901 was somewhat more informative about the eastern situation, but the western situation is still up in the air. Russia's attack on Austria, stab or otherwise, makes his current intentions clear. The problem is, it failed. Austria will build two armies and the Russo-Turkish alliance will be in for rough sledding indeed. Italy and Turkey can tie up each other's fleets and the result should be stalemate.

Breaking the impasse will require either western interference or a change of heart by Russia or Italy. Russia could break the impasse by turning on Turkey with his fleet in the Black Sea. Russia gains a piece of the action, but not a very big one, and will likely have to face off a stronger Austria later. A long term arrangement with Italy and the western powers therefore becomes critical. Italy could break the impasse by hitting Austria. The pie for Italy is a bit larger than the one for Russia against Turkey, but keeping it is another matter. With a Russian ally, Turkey moving on Italy eventually is almost certain. On the other hand, continued stalemate of R/T vs. A/I spells doom for all the eastern powers,

or at best a large draw.

In the west, everyone is still playing their cards close to their chests. The squabble over Belgium is not unusual among the best of friends and Germany frequently keeps the Russians out of Sweden simply on general principles. The builds might clarify matters, F Lvp for instance, but more likely then not we will have to wait for Spring 1902.

Well gets this Publishers Zine off to a roaring start by listing the results of the North American Zine Poll. (You've probably read these already but when you end up in the top ten you've got to brag.)

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| 1. 9.07 Brutus Bulletin (15) nz      | 11. 7.44 The Ninth Circle (8) nz |
| 2. 8.95 LDNS (22) nz                 | 12. 7.43 Cum Grano Salis (7) nz  |
| 3. 8.81 Diplomacy Digest (18) nz     | 12. 7.43 Terran (7) nz           |
| 4. 8.56 Pol Si Fie (8) 13            | 14. 7.25 Liberterrean (10) nz    |
| 5. 8.52 Runestone (24) 1             | 15. 7.17 Lilaf (9) nz            |
| 6. 8.43 Claw & Fang (28) 5           | 16. 6.79 Everything (14) 18      |
| 7. 8.17 The Mixumaxu Gazette (18) 12 | 17. 6.71 Beauccuillon (7) nz     |
| 8. 7.90 Electra Glide Blue (10) 7    | 18. 6.69 Brouhaha (13) 2         |
| 9. 7.64 Bushwacker (11) 19           | 19. 6.64 Diman (11) 3            |
| 10. 7.54 Diplomacy World (24) 14     | 19. 6.64 Ruritania (11) 34       |

The nos. following the zine indicate the number of votes cast and the place on the poll last year. (nz=new zine to the poll)

Thanx for the vote of confidence. As for being no. 2, well next year that will probably change. There is always going to be some up and coming new zine to come along and push to the top. Actually what I am the most proud of is the number of votes as compared to the total score. I REALLY do appreciate it.

Congrats to all of the zines. The turnout (56 votes) was nothing to rave about but it is a considerable step in the right direction. As Bob Lipton pointed out of the top three LDNS is the only one who prepares its own material. ((John, I think that's what I was trying to say when I called you.--JHJ))

Since my game opennings are at a slow point and since that this is the publishers issue I am going to give you my appraisals of the different zines that I receive so that maybe you can find a new zine to sub to and hopefully you will enjoy (at one percentage point lower than LDNS).

Before I get into the reveiws I hope that the publishers will read this paragraph before they read their review. I mean no harm to anything that I may say. The opinions are mine. I don't think that there is such a zine as a perfect zine. Every zine has its strong and weak points. I hope to try and give both sides. I realize that something that I don't care for someone else may adore. But I'll try to be objective and fair. I also hope that some of the comments may be constructive and may be of use to you. I will print any statements that you wish to make on my reveiws but I doubt that they will be harse enough to offend anyone. Also I may poke a little fun at you but remember that this is just a hobby and you've got to be able to laugh at yourself.

Now on the other side of the coin, you the subscribers must learn to be a little more tolerant of some of the publishers. At the seminar at DipCon I was listening to something that Robert Lipton said. Now what he said may not be exactly what I heard for I was in the back of the room and there was some noise outside which made it tough to hear everything so I could only hear with one ear but what I got out of his statement was basically that the publishing of the zine is a hobby, the same as the playing of Diplomacy is to you. It has to remain fun or it quickly becomes a royal pain in the arse. So the publisher puts out the zine in such a manner that it doesn't become a burden. There is nothing wrong with that. When you find Diplomacy a burden on your time you probably just put it aside for a week or two and nobody knows but you, but when the publisher takes a break all Hell breaks loose. This is not a job. I really feel that the quality of a zine is directly related to the pride that one takes in it. You can tell which ones are proud and which are not. May I suggest two things; 1) If you don't like the zine, explain your reasons and if you are not satisfied...just get out of the zine. 2) If you like the zine, then tell the pubber. You will find that quality goes up in proportion to the compliments. We are all a little vain.

## ZINES, THROUGH MY EYES

(No Special Order)

- A.D.A.G. Publisher: Hal Naus. 1011 Barrett Ave. Chula Vista, CA 92011. Has openings for regular and variant Diplomacy. Ditto reproduction. Monthly schedule. ADAG is strictly a warehouse zine which does little for me but he is extremely prompt in putting out the zine on time. For my blood (and trying to get others) the games seem to drag out. I feel that sometimes the Winter and Spring turns could be combined but all in all ADAG is a fine place to play. Rated 37th on NA zine poll.
- Against The Odds Publisher: Craig Reges--1501 Higgins Hall Western Illinois Univ. Macomb, IL 61455. Xerox reproduction. Approx published every 3 weeks. Sub 10/\$3.50 Game fees are \$2 + \$2 NMR deposit. Has game openings in regular Diplomacy. ATO was rated 24th on the poll and I'm going thru his back issues trying to figure out the low overall rating. It's a good zine, enough to read, the games are handled well; the only thing that I noticed was that Craig's earlier issues were more cohesive. His latest issues his articles tend to jump around from subject to subject to a game then back to another subject. I think this is because Craig is concerned about getting ATO out on time while he is preparing for college. I like ATO but then I like hangnails.
- Brouhaha Publisher: Bob Beardsley--17 Moryan Rd. Edison, NJ 08817. Sub rate: 10/\$2.50 Game fee: \$2. I believe that Bob has openings. The word is that Bob may be giving up Brouhaha. Rumor is that Alan Moon may take it over. With no disrespect to Alan I for one hope that this is not true. Brouhaha is, if I may be so bold, my personal favorite Dip zine. Always good things to read, not solely on Diplomacy but on many other war-games as well. The only thing wrong with Brouhaha is that there is never enough to read. Fairly prompt (3 1/2 week schedule), my game started on July 5th and we are already on Fall 1907 moves. Believe me that's not too shabby. Highly recommended. Stay around Bob.
- Brutus Bulletin John Michalski--Rt. 10 Box 526 Q, Moore, OK 73165. What can be said about a zine that is rated numero uno! Extremely quick zine, every 2 weeks he's out with an other issue. No game openings but the zine is more than that. I think that BB would still be a favorite zine of many even if John ran no games. John has the use of a xerox machine and he uses it to its maximum. The zine is primarily letters to John and his reply. BB covers everything from the IDA to the Neutron Bomb (through some may think that both are just as bad). Zine gets away from Diplomacy and games too much for my total liking but I dieing if I'm lying, I read it all and enjoy it.
- Claw & Fang Don Horton 16 Jordan Ct. Sacramento, CA 95826. Not sure on game openings. Sub rate is 6 months for \$2. Monthly zine. Always on time. Plenty of articles and other goodies. Most new players are "breast fed" by C&F. Two things that I am finding fault in is that lately C&F is losing some of the personality that Don put into it when I started getting it. Actually it seems that 1/2 the zine is articles by Konrad Baumeister (A person that I have no love for). The second thing that upset me is the fact that I ~~am~~ was in a game that was in a supplement and when I was eliminated from the game I stopped getting the game results. Hack, I'm still interested. But C&F is a well established zine and I suggest that you at least get a sample and see for yourself.
- Command Dennis Agosta 14 Shadyside Ave. Dumont, NJ 07628 Dennis puts out a truly superb zine. Unfortunately Dennis seems to be down in the dumps and he has cancelled any new subs. A real shame! I predict, hopefully, that Dennis will have a change of heart. Command runs a lot of games and is still able to not come across as warehousey. He always has an article, quite often on wargame reviews. I like it very much and I am glad that I am a subscriber. (Dennis is also the new BNC, heh! heh!) Command is a fine zine and Dennis is a super person, I hope that if your not in Command now you can be soon.
- Diman Brad Hesscl 232 W. 24th St. #5R NYC, NY.. Not sure, but I don't believe Diman has any game openings. Diman comes across with a lot of personality. After reading a few issues you almost feel as if you know Brad. Diman was the first zine that regularly used letters from subscribers which is now a fairly common item in all zines. Diman's only drawback lies in the fact that Brad works many hours with SPI and the zine can be late. For that reason I can't recommend Diman if it's the only zine you plan on playing in but otherwise, if you're in a few other games in other zines then Diman would merit a look.

- Fol Si Fie Randolph Smyth 249 First Ave., Ottawa, Ontario K1S 2G5 Canada. If I remember right ~~SFS~~ (See Randolph, I did it again!) FSF has game openings but at an increased fee because he is trying to slow down the game starts. Also in FSF is a portion of the zine devoted to wargames (My personal favorite part). FSF does have one drawback, that crazy zip code! My typing skills stink and they prove to me how bad they are when I have to type Canadian zip codes. FSF is 102 issues strong and still going, I can only hope that should LDNS every get that far that LDNS will be as good as Fol Si Fie. Super zine.
- Liberterrean Jim Bumpas 948 Loraine Ave. Los Altos, CA 94022 Here's another zine that's 102 issues old and shows no signs of faulting. If you want a FAST game (2 week deadlines) then look no further. I know that Jim had an opening but I think its been filled. Let's see, what don't I like about Lib? If anything its the short deadlines cause a minimum amount of Diplomatizing but sometimes that's the type of game that's fun and a challenge in itself. Worth playing in if you are punctual and is neat for there is little lag time between the time the orders are sent in and the time you get the zine. Recommended.
- Lilaf Tom Gould 40 W 77th St. NYC, NY 10024. Has game openings in Diplomacy (free) Conquistador and En Garde. Lilaf is heavily orientated towards Sei Fi. I am not strongly into SF but I still find Lilaf interesting. Since I can't tell if the SF articles are good or not I would sound foolish to say anything about them. If you are into sf give Lilaf a shot.
- The Mixumaxu Gazette Robert Bryan Lipton 611 E. 11th St 1A NYC, NY 10009 Has game (\$3) openings. At first I didn't like TMG at all. The sad part is that I had no good reason not to like it except for the fact that I was biased against anything that came out of NY due to a elash I had with R. Sacks (more on that later) but now after re-reading TMG and meeting Mr. Lipton my attitudes have changed & I'm looking at TMG thru open minded eyes. You know what, It's Good. TMG holds no punches. Bob tells things exactly as he sees them and I'm noticing that he is extremely perceptive. Highly Recommended. (even if he did associate me with Konrad. I may never forget.)
- The Ninth Circle Dave Bunke 5512 Julmar Dr. Cincinnati, OH 45238 TNC is definately not just a Dippy zine. TNC has Stellar Conquest, Kingmaker, Machiavelli, A Mighty Fortress, En Garde, The Third Reich, Conquistador, Ring Trilogy and still finds room for Dippy. Has Diplomaey openings and is a super fine zine. I regret that its only a monthly zine.
- Non Sequitur J. Richard Jarvinen 2404 Sunset Ave. West Linn, OR 97068 A sharp new zine. Has Diplomaey games along with openings in others. Hey Leland, last issue had an article on Chess. Right up your alley, heh guy? (And from OR too!) Get a sample and see what you think.
- The Podunk News Bob Hartwig 304 Slater Hall UofI Iowa City, Iowa 52242 Bob has just gotten over the "I've done this long enough blues" and seems to be getting back into full swing. TPN in a few issues back proved that not just anyone can use a mimeo mach. But I must admit that his ditto work is better than most. You should contact Bob for game openings.
- Runestone John Leeder 1211 5th St. NW; Calgary Alberta T2M 3B6 Canada (There's that &¢\$# zip code again.) After some 213 issues Runestone continues still proves itself to be a quality zine werth getting. I don't play in Runestone but sneaking to some that do Runestone is a good place to play. I know not about that But I do know that it is a good source of information as to what's going on in the hobby. John stays on top of things and in a recent article he showed himself to be a human being. I have nothing but respect for John and can say nothing bad about Runestone.
- Ruritania Tony Watson 201 Minnesota Las Vegas, NV 89107. Tony Watson is John Michalski's illegitimate father (call me a degenerate!) Ruri was another zine that had a bad rep when I started getting it so I was biased before I started. After meeting Tony, I was right. There are openings in Ruri (but a little tape usually fixes it.) No, lately Ruri has turned out to be a top notch zine. Lately the zine has shown a lot more of Tony and his personality. Tony writes letters to John Michalski and he had one here last issue and they are super stuff. I am glad to see that he's letting himself drift into Ruri more than before. A good zine to play in and now a good zine to read. Recommended. (Tony, did I print that like you told me too?)

Suicide Andy Cook 807 Crescent Dr. Alexandria, VA 22302 Suicide has done a complete turn around, for the better I must say. Of course one issue does not make a great zine but if Andy continues on his new course Suicide should become a fine zine. I've spoken with Andy about some of the things that I thought he should be doing so I'm not going to rehash that again. Time will tell the tale but worth a sample.

Well that's all of the zines that I get regularly or have received for an extended period. Below is a sampling of a few other zines I've seen once or twice (or just began trade with.)

Speculum Dave Kadlecak 1447 Sierra Creek Way San Jose, CA 95132 It's too bad that this zine is so infrequent. I enjoy reading what Dave has to say. I don't always agree but he doesn't state his views offensively.

Electra Glide Blue Cal White 1 Turnberry Ave Toronto, Ontario ((OH, NO HERE COMES ANOTHER ONE!)) M6N 1P6 ((Whew!)) Canada. Its strange, EGB, is a truly humorous zine and then Cal seems to get upset in the same issue. Relax Cal, you've got a good zine so take her easy. Sometimes you start to scare me. But back to the review. From what I've seen, I'd subscribe even if I weren't trading.

Why Me? Lee Kendter 4347 Benner St. Phila, PA 19135 I've only seen one issue but it prompted me to request a trade. Super print quality.

St. George and The Dragon Bob Sergeant 3242 Lupine Dr. Indianapolis, IN 46224. Has game openings. I've seen five issues and each and every one is good. I strongly advise you checking this zine out if you're looking for a new game start.

Good, bad or indifferent these are some of the people that make Postal Diplomacy what it is today. An LDNS "tip of the hat" to each and every one of them. Even if there are some things that I don't care for in a zine I respect each and every publisher for the work that they do. I hereby declare August 26th as Diplomacy Zine Publishers day and you all can have the day off. (Some states will be waiting until Sept 4th for the official day off. Check you local calendar.)

Pat (The Dippy Widow) Picks her favorite zines:

1. Brouhaha
2. The Mixumaxu Gazette
3. Ruritania
4. Liberteerlean
5. The Brutus Bulliten
6. Suicide

BJ's favorite:

"Any of them is fine with me except for the ones done on xerox. They give me gas."

"Oh Pat, Pat, you forgot LDNS. Pat, dear, honey, Hey dummy you FORGOT LDNS." What does she know?

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An Open Letter to Robert Bryan Lipton,

First I am going to take the liberty of referring to you as Bob. Everything I have read it always refers to you by your whole name and if that is the way you prefer it than I apologize and will use it in the future. -

You made mention in TMG about something I said in the last issue of LDNS about how I went to DipCon expecting to hate you. I left it up in the air and I didn't mean to. I do feel that I owe you an explanation.

When I came into Diplomacy I made an effort to "please" everyone and that meant bending over to all and taking a lot of abuse. It came to a head when I ventured off to try something earlier this year. Mr. Sacks gave me a bad time and made a reference to the fact that he could destroy me as a "rip-off agent" and put to print what a mean and nasty person I was. I was deeply upset. ((Now my attitudes have changed. There is nothing that he could say that could make me mad. If that's the kind of person he is I hope he gives it his best shot.)) I was so upset that I spent most of the evening on the phone talking to people as to why he was picking on me. I was informed that he wasn't picking on me he's

like that to everyone. During the conversations a lot of reference was made to the NY Conspiracy. All of which was vaguely negative. So I quickly became leary of everything that came out of NY. Soon after Boardman got on my case, and that was the final straw. I came to believe everything that I had heard. So along comes Robert Bryan Lipton and I started off on the wrong track with you.

Since our meeting and since the re-reading of TMG I hold you in a different light. I am sure that in the future we will disagree on many matters but you are one of the few people that I will listen to with an open mind for I find that what you say has a lot of truth to it (and as I've said earlier you are very perceptive.)

When I wish to be I can be a very serious person and this letter has been written in that note. I hope that we can meet again in the future and I consider you to be a friend. Maintain.

THANK

Jerry

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I want to make a comment on some of the talk that's been going around lately about the DipCon Site Selection. Some people are upset because they didn't get to pick the next site for DipCon. If it really bothers you that much, go ahead and pick one. Have two DipCons. Have Three, Four....or ever how many you want. This is the most petty argument I have ever heard!

Point A: "...possibility that the IDA/NA will not accept this site (PennCon) because they do not recognize the site selection process used."

What kind of crap is that? The IDA ran the selection at DipCon this year. Why should they not recognize it?

Point B: "The IDA/NA has a currently active committee to choose a site for DipCon and draw up a charter of its own for DipCon site selection."

If they do I sure don't know about it. All that I've seen come out of the IDA/NA is a bill to redefine the zones of Eastern, Central and Western and to make the suggestion that the site rotate each year.

Point C: "... (speaking of site selection) we can hope that two years running doing things mostly right might lead to doing things more right the third year. The only serious roadblock to be expected is the opposition of the IDA/NA, but even that is not a foregone conclusion."

Why is it to be EXPECTED? But it stands to reason, if something is not done the way that someone else wants it, well look no further, blame it on the IDA/NA.

Now a point of record. The quotes came from Dave Kadlecsek who got his information from Urf Durfal #33 (Greg Costikyan--I am not sure of the spelling but I think that's right.) I want to say that I'm not upset with Dave. In the article he stated that he wasn't at the seminar (and site selection) but I am upset with Mr. Costikyan. He was not at the convention so anything that he says is purely second hand and I know not of where he got his information.

I was at the meeting and here's how it went:

The IDA had its meeting where those in attendance were told what the IDA was and what it was trying to do in the upcoming year. After the meeting there was a motion to opening talks for next years site selection. Since Bob Hartwig was already at the head of the room he ran the meeting. Along with Rod Walker's help the general committee there made the preference lists for next years DipCon Site. The points that I remember was that it was imperative that the site be on the East Coast so as to rotate the site each year. (Logically the site will be in the midwest the following year.) It was noted that Origins hadn't made any choice as to where they would be. I recall someone mentioning that MichiCon and PennCon had made it known that they would be willing to have DipCon. Then it was suggested that Rod Walker or Walt Buchanan look into the preference list and find who would be holding the Site for DipCon. Meeting closed and I went to bed.

I spoke to Dave Kadlecsek just now and I agree with him that some guidelines for the running of DipCon is in order but to get all bant out of shape over who gets to pick it is totally beyond me.

Pat is standing here yelling in my ear that this is too serious of an issue. Well maybe she's right but these things have given me fits for quite a while and I needed to get some things out in the open at least to relieve my ulcer. Anyway to make the issue a little more humorous I am doing the rest of this page in the nude. See, Pat's laughing, so is the Sparklets man who just left. Ans she says there's no humor. Hah!

I got a very pleasant surprise in the mail this week. It was a picture of Bob Gallagher. (With and without the trench coat.) His pic now hangs above the LDNS work desk on a new board I have bought for such occasions. I put up next to the picture of Doug Beyerlein now before I type each page I look up at the board and ask myself "For them I doing this?" No, I really think it's neat and for your picture, Bob, you will receive a FREE issue of LDNS. (Actually the color print of you is much better than the ones I've seen of you in the Post Office.) Anybody else want on the LDNS Board?

As some of you found out last issue LDNS is starting a new sub zine, The Black Sheep. This will be a sub-zine for orphaned games. As a subscriber to LDNS and on my standby list you may be receiving a portion of this zine. (Should you be called upon to standby in one of the orphaned games.) The way it will work for others is this: If a game is orphaned that I pick up and you are already a subscriber to LDNS you will receive that portion of TBS with your game on it. If the person doesn't sub to LDNS he will have the option of doing so and receiving his portion of TBS free. Now if the person wishes to stay in the game but he doesn't care to sub to LDNS than he receives his portion of TBS for 15¢ a move. (This amount will be waived if a) he already gets TBS or 2) if the publisher of the game when it started offers to advance some money.) The main difference between the two zines will be the deadline date. Due to the increased load the deadline dates for TBS will be on the Thursday before the standard LDNS Saturday deadline.

By the way, my standby list is: Stan Johnson, Andy Cook, Tony Watson, Craig Reges, John Morris, Dave Ditter, Ron Kelly, Dave Rohde, Steve Heinowski, Ken Peterson and Mitchell Bailes (if I ever hear from him again.) Need some more!

LDNS Productions has the honor of announcing a preview of the upcoming movies that should be at your neighborhood theaters sometime next Fall.

Don't fail to miss "BLOCKY". The story of a game playtester for Avalon Hill who was once a contender for Diplomacy superstar status but gave it up after two months. Watch as he gets a shot at the title in a head to head contest with Apollo Greed and all that Blocky really wants to do is last until Fall 1915.

Another smash hit, straight from Broadway and Park Place, will be "Seven Flew into the Cuckoo's Nest". The show will tug at your heartstrings and give you some moments of laughter, such as when Jerk Nicholson says, "Yeah, I know why I'm here. It's because I play Diplomacy and pick my nose too much."

Somewhere in a galaxy long, long ago... "Board Wars". Luke Hexwalker and his faithful droid, CPO Sharkey, meet Princess Leime and search for the ultimate Third Reich game. They meet a villainous character Inn Vader, and they set up the ultimate 3rd Reich duel. Luke, having the Force feels he has the edge until he finds out that Inn Vader is as powerful as he because he too learned the Force from the Force Teacher, Ohla Dee. Ohla Dah Kanobe. As Luke wins watch Vader use the Force. (The force in this game is knowing which leg on the table is weak and ready to buckle.)

Just when you thought it was safe to play Diplomacy again... Jaws III. The story of a Dippy player that writes and talks so much on the phone that the players hire Dirty Harry to rearrange his personality.

The last blockbuster will be "Deadly Wish" starring Charles Bronson. Charley gets in a game at DipCon and is jumped on by six Face to Face players. See the dramatic conclusion as Charley and his 45 correct the problem in round Two.

Before we get to the games I guess I let you in on some of the News that's going on:

1. Dennis Agosta will be the new Boardman Numbers Custodian. Dennis should do a fine job at it and I'm looking forward to good things. I think that Cal's idea of putting the numbers in Everything is fine as long as Everything is an on time monthly issue. I also feel that the Boardman Cust. does not need to send out postcards with each new number but I also think that if the publisher wants the number right away he should have the option of sending Dennis a Postcard along with the announcement of his new game that all Dennis would have to do is put the no. on the back and return the card. Simple, eh?
2. The IDA/NA is accepting volunteers and nominations for the seven offices for the next years council. If you wish to run or nominate someone get your responses to me before Sept 15th.
3. David N. Grabar (4346 E. Armel Ct; Las Vegas, NV 89110) is planning on holding a Dippy tournament in Las Vegas next year. Cost will be \$200.00 with a total prize fund of about \$4,000.00. (Cost includes room and board). There will be 49 players and seven seven rounds where you never play the same players twice and never play the same country twice. If you might be interested contact Dave.

Wanted: By your great publisher: Issues 2, 12 of LDNS (or copies there of.) Also I would like to get my grubby hands on a copy of "Fire and Movement" No. 6 & 7. Copies or the real thing would be super.

Well let's get the show on the road and get to the reason you're all here, the games

1977-KX

Winter '04/Spring '05

AUS (David Hard) F Ion-Alb; A Ser & A Bud S ITA A Rum; A Gal-Sil.  
ENG (Leland Harmon) Builds A Lon. A Lon-Port (F MAO & F Eng C); F Bot-Swe; A StP-Mos;  
F Nwy-Nwg.  
FRA (Craig Reges) Builds A Mar. F Bre-Eng; A Gas-Par; A Par-Pied; A Mar-Bur.  
GER (Ken Peterson) A Bur-Mar/d/. A Bel-Ruh; F Lon-Nth; A Sil-Ber (A Kiel S); A War S ENG  
A StP-Mos.  
ITA (Jim Diehl) Builds F Nap. F Nap-Ion; F EMed-Smy (F Smy S); A Boh S A Mun;  
A Rum S AUS A Ser; A Mun S FRE A Mar-Bur.  
RUS (M. Bailes--NMR--C.D.) GM Removes F Bal. A Sev H. A Mos H/annih/.  
TUR (Tim Long) A Bul-Ser (A Gre S); F Blk-Rum; F Aeg-EMed (F Smy S-/d/)

German A Bur ret Bel or OTB.

Turkish F Smy ret Con, Aeg or OTB.

Press

Berlin: Cancellation of Italian appreciation week was announced. The Kaiser who plans to travel to Rome to discuss plans with his Austrian cousin.

Gamenotes: Mitch Bailes issue was return with two different addresses on it, neither one of which are good so Russia in in C.D. If any one knows of his new address please pass it along. Thank to Ron Kelly for submitting orders but I doubt the fairness of a last minute SB without notification to the other players. Also note Craig's COA later in the issue.

COAS:

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Bob Hartwig 304 Slater Hall UofI Iowa City, Iowa  
Tom Sherwood 3238 Sewasac Long Beach, CA 90808  
Dave Ditter 563 Maple Ave Fontana, CA 92335

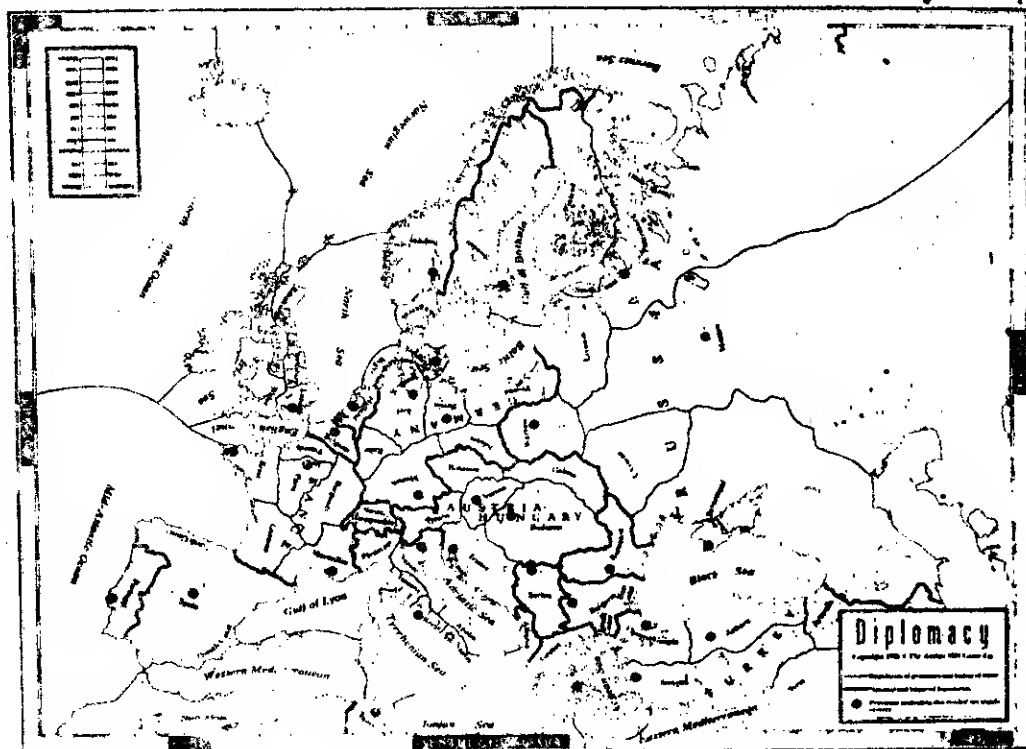


1977-HW

Fall 1907

AUS A Gre ret Ser

Draw vote fails



CONFERENCE MAP

AUS (Tom Sherwood) A Pied-Mar; A Tus-Rom; F Adr-Ion(F Nap S); A Alb-Gre (A Ser S); A Sev-Mos  
A Gal-War (A Ukr S); A Tyro-Mun (A Boh S).

ENG (Dave Fugihara) F Pic-Bre (F MAO S) F Nth H (F Nwg S); F Spa(sc) S AUS A Pied-Mar;  
F Port H.

FRA (C.D.) F Bre H/annih/.

GER (Chuck Spiekerman) A Mos-War; F Swe-Nwy (A StP S); F Hol-Nth (F Den S); A Par-Pic;  
A Bel-Pic; A Mar-Spa/d/; A Mun H (A Bur S).

ITA (Dave Ditter) F Tyrr-Nap.

TUR (Dave Hard) A Con-Bul; F Gre H (F Aeg S).

German A Mar ret Gas or OTB.

#### Supply Chart;

AUS Home Ser Rum Sev ~~W~~ Gre Ven Rom Nap MAR WAR.....has 11.....even

ENG Home ~~W~~ Port Spa BRE....." 6.....even

GER Home Hol Den Bel Swe ~~W~~ StP Mos ~~W~~ Nwy PAR....." 11.....+1

ITA Tun....." 1.....even

TUR Home BUL GRE....." 5.....+2

Winter/Spring orders will be due.

#### Press:

Berlin to World: Oops! Delete that Spring 1907 press.

Berlin to London: Your current attitude toward Germany is totally unacceptable, I hope you will change it.

Gamenotes: In answer to a few questions, first, yes you can support a unit from a country that is in C.D. Also a draw can be called for between any two or more countries, not necessarily the strong ones. And players please note the correction in Dave Ditter's zip code in the COS section.

1977-IA

Fall 1906\*

\*Shall we try it again?

All draw votes fail.

New votes called for:

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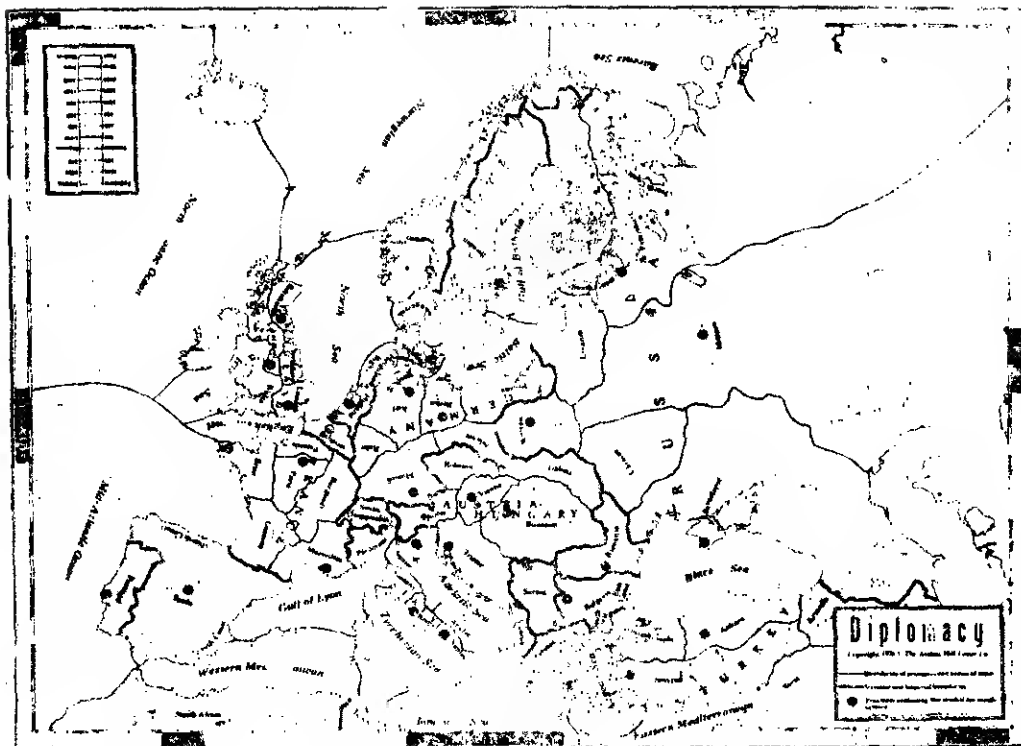
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(a failure to vote is  
a yes vote.)



CONFERENCE MAP

AUS (Andy Tomcufcik) A Rom H (F Nap S); A Ven S A Tyro; F Adr S A Ven; A Tyro H; A Ser-Tri  
A Vie S A Tyro; A Boh-Gal (A Bud S); F Gre S TUR F Ion.

ENG (Roger Bermingham) F Den-Nth; F Bal S A Lvn; F Nwg H; F Bar H; A War S FRE A Ber-Sil'  
A Mos S A War; A Lvn S A War; A Stp S A Mos.

FRA (John Morris) A Ber-Sil (A Mun S); A Bur S A Mun; A Pied-Ven; F Tyrr-Rom (A Tus S);  
F WMed-Tyrr (F Lyon S); F MAO-WMed.

ITA (Jerry Rogowski) F Tun S TUR F Ion-Tyrr/nso/.

TUR (Craig Reges) F Ion H (F Aeg S); A Gal-Rum; A Ukr S A Gal/nso/; A Sev S A Ukr.

#### Supply Chart:

AUS	Home Ser Gre Rom Nap Ven <del>Ven</del> Bul.....	has 10.....even
ENG	Home Swe Nwy StP Den Kiel MOS WAR.....	10.....+2
FRA	Home Spa Port Bel Mun Der Hol.....	9.....even
ITA	Tun .....	1.....even
RUE	<del>Mos</del> .....	out
TUR	Home Sev <del>Ven</del> RUM.....	has 5.....even

Winter and Spring orders due

#### Press:

ANKARA: Further splits in the Austrian-Turkish rands will not occur. The line will hold.

LONDON: Having successfully maintained the neutrality of our Polish allies, the British Expeditionary Force awaits the rapid capitulation of Austrian Empire.

Players: Please note Craigs COA Elsewhere.

1978-AK

Winter 1903

AUS (Leland Harmon) Builds F Tri has F Tri Gre A Ser Pul Rum Bud Gal Sev.

ENG (Dave Hard) Remove A Fin & F Ska has F Edi Lon.

FRA (Steve Shields) A Pied ret Mar Builds A Brest; has F Lyon Eng Lvp A Bel Bre Spa Mar

GER (Cliff Hardisty) Builds A Mun F Kiel has F Bal Den Kiel A StP War Mos Mun Hol.

ITA (Andy Tomcufcik) even has A Ven Pied F WMed Tyrr.

RUS (Bob Gallagher) Remove A Arm. has F Nwy A Boh.

TUR (Dave Hansen or Ron Kelly) even F Aeg Ank A Con.

Notes: Press on future page. I didn't hear from Dave Hansen but he didn't have anything due so we won't know until next issue if he is retaining the position.

1977-KC winter 1905

Aus (Steve Shields) Builds A Tri. Has F Tun Aeg Con A Tri Bud Ser Ven Rom Bul Rum.  
FRA (John Caruso) Builds A Par Has F Lon, Bre Spa(sc) A Mar Par Port.  
GER (Craig Reges) Builds A Ber& A Kiel has F Both StP Nth Lvp A Kiel Ber Bur Mun Boh  
Gal Ukr Vie Bel.  
TUR (John Machir) NRR GM removes A Sev has F Ank Smy A Arm.  
Gamenotes; There has been a call for a concession to Germany. Votes must be in with the  
Spring 1905 order. Also last issue the supply chart showed Mos as being Russian when it  
is really in German hands. German has 14 not 13. Also note Craigs COA.  
Will Ron Kelly 6038 Richmond Hwy Apt 314 Alexandria, VA 22302 please subit Turkish orders?  
By the way gentlemen--that was the FIRST N M R ever in the game. My hats off to all of you.

LDNS-8 Winter 1902

Austrian F Ion ret EMed

AUS (Jack Powers) Builds F Tri has F EMed Tri A Gre Ser Bud Rum.  
ENG (Jerod Poore) Builds F Lon F Lvp has F Lon Lvp Eng Nwy A Bel.  
FRA (Tony Watson) Builds A Mar F Port A Mar Spa Bre Par  
GER (Leland Harmon) Builds A Mun has F Ewe A Pru Mun Bur Ruh Hol.  
ITA (Stan Johnson) even has F Tyrr Ion A Tun Pied.  
RUS (Dan Brownell) even has F Sev StP(sc) A War Ukr.  
TUR (Jim Diehl) Builds A Con has F Aeg Blk A Arm Con.

Press:

Via England: Lo! 'Tis a voice from the beyond.' Whilst loading a body unto the tray, to  
be shoved into the ice box (lucky her, with a body temp of 36, whilst it be 104 outside),  
the King (mcself) hearest over the intercom, a name spoken by a voice with the same  
chilling (ha ha) effect of Hamlets fater, sayeth the voice (rembr I drink not  
formaldihide), "Dr. Jones call the operator, Dr. Jerry Jones."!?!?! What! Ye gads,  
couldst our glorious master be a healer in guisc, visiting the north unbeknownst to  
the 'gang of four'? Well Sir GM? ((Hey, not so load. I'm not a liscened practitioner  
I just do minor operations as a hobby. Actually I'm doing research work for the  
Government. Under a 2 million dollar grant I am studying what causes belly-button lint))  
Port St. Peter, Gurnsey Isle, English Channel. His majesty, surveying the prodosed battle  
grounds of the invasion of Prest, turned his sights to the east and reported to have  
said, "Good Lord! Calais is in Belgium!"

LDNS 9 Spring 1902

AUS (Roger Bermingham) A Ser-Rum (A Bud S); A Gal-Ukr/d/; F Tri H.  
ENG (Dave Rohde) F Edi-Nth (F Nwy S); F Nth-Hel; A York H.  
FRA (Eric Verheiden) A Pre-Pic; A Bur H; A Par S A Tur; F Spa(sc)-MAO; A Port-Spa.  
GER (Robert Berkeley) A Ruh-Hol (A Kiel S); A Mun-Bur; F Dcn-Nth.  
ITA (Bob Sergeant) F Nap-Apu; A Rom-Ven; A Ven-Tyro; F Tun-Ion.  
RUS (Steve McLendon) F Swe H; A War-Gal (A Ukr S); F Blk-Sev (A Mos S).  
TUR ( Marck Morrison) F Bul(ec)-Blk (F Con S); A Arm-Sev; A Gre H; A Ank H.  
AUS A Gal ret Vie, Boh, Sil or OTB.

Press:

German Lowlands: Once again our forces have been forced to forcefully force back the obvious  
British forces forceful intents to force themselves upon our forces and the continent.  
Force will be met with force. ((Methinks he's forced the issue.--JHJ))  
BERLIN: Chancellor Berkeley has called upon Austria, Russia and Turkey to put down their  
weapons and to embrace each other in a spirit of love and brotherhood. The chancellor  
of Peace has offered to buy all such laid down arms at a mark a rifle and 20 marks a  
cannon. "I feel that with the Russians, Austrians and Turks at peace and Germany with  
30 million rifles and 250,000 odd field pieces the Lowland French border can be secured.

More on next page

LDNS-9 Press Con't:

Munich to Rome: Beware of slanderous press written by English agents in the pay and pocket of a certain power hungry nation to your West. Turks and Austrians are really OK guys when you get to know them, just don't drop your soap when in the sauna shower with the Turkish ambassador.

Paris: The French government intends this year to reunite Belgium with the Republic. Further interference from the Kaiser will not be appreciated.

Vicnna to Berlin--The Austrian Emperor wishes to assure his comrade in Aryan Descent that due to the stamping out of that dreaded psetilence, Internship, the Austrian presses are now operational.

Montenegro--Having valiantly aided their Rumanian Brethren in the hard fought battle against the Tsarist oppression the Serbian army has asked for the afternoon off.

ANKARA--The Sultan wishes to congratulate his newly married top diplomatic advisor (congratulations to me, congratulations to me, dumdedum..) ((Congrats from me too--JHJ))

Press for 1977--AK:

PARIS to Rome: We are reconsidering our "un"war. Any more of those lousy poems, we will attack you at once!

Via England): The williams were French  
To the English surprise.  
No one expected  
the attack at sunrise.

GERMANY TO ENGLAND: I am sorry about that, but without communications...

BERLIN to OLSO: You're still one old wiley Russian.

1978-CE

Spring 1903

AUS (Stan Johnson) A Ven-Bud (A Ser S); F Alb-Ion.

ENG (Cliff Hardisty) F Edi-Nwg; F Nth-Nwy (F Ska S); A Den-Kiel (A Hol S); F Bel S A Hol.

FRA (Lee Kendtcr Sr.) F Spa(sc)-WMed; A Gas-Mar; A Ruh-Mun (A BUR S). A Pic H.

GER (Andy Meier) A Mun S A Kiel-Ber/annih/; A Kiel-Ber /annih/.

ITA (Ken Pctcrson) A Ven-Tri; A Boh-Vie (A Tyro S); F Ion-Adr.

RUS (Leland Harmon) A Sev-Rum (F Blk S); A Ank-Con; A Bud S ITA A Ven-Tri/d/; A Mos-Ukr;  
A War-Sil (A Ber S); A StP S A Nwy; A Nwy S F Swe; F Swc S A Nwy.

TUR (Carl Eichelbergcr) A Gre-Smy (F Aeg C & F Con S); A Bul-Rum

Press:

BERLIN: The battle weary cry of the new emperor echoes weaker and still weaker as the days go by. "Alas, I had never DREAMED of the difficulties in running the capital. The mystery of whe the Kaiser resigned, to leave hundreds of good bodies, Black and bleeding, to die in the streets has been solve. Why, the paper work alone is immense! The French and English alike have given me their undivided attention in hopes that I will support them into Munich or Kiel respectively! Finally I decide to graciously turn to the English and receive nothing but threats in response to my refusal. Alas!

WARSAW: Rumor has it that our new Communist representative in Berlin has hardened his heart accepting neither French nor English offerings! Instead, he has stooped to aid a few Polish women and children in their quest for excitement. "Them peegs ain't knowd what is like, here at the frone! Lay around all Winter complaining because Santa ran out of Puppies. Scn 'em where the action is!!"

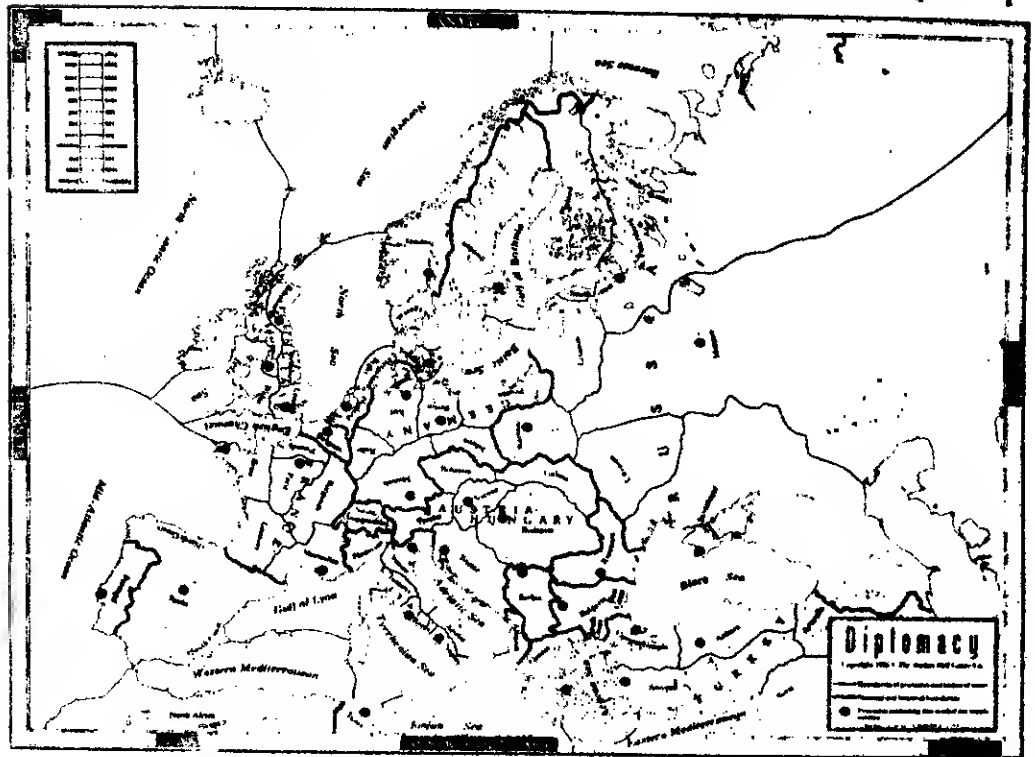
MOSCOW, the Czar: ho-hum. Is boring, da? Hey, maid, go out to themailbox and get the latest hate mail so we can keep the fire going the rest of the night. My toes are froze. These new authentic diamond-studded blood-boots from the front are what they're cracked up to be.

SMYRNA: Death to Russia!! Or at least; multiple injuries! Our homelands have become le lands!! Somebody blow up Oregon, quick!!

1977-IS

Fall 1906

Draw vote fails



CONFERENCE MAP

AUS (Jim Bumpas) A War-Mos (A Ukr & A Sev S); F Con S ITA F Aeg-Bul(sc); A Ank H; A Gal-War;  
A Tyro & A Boh S FRE A Mun; A Tri-Vie. (F Ion unordered.)  
ENG (Dave Bunke) F Nth-Eng; F Bal-Prus; F Swe-Den; A Fin-StP; A Nwy-Fin; A Mos S TUR  
F Blk-Sev (A Mos /d/); F StP(nc)-Nwy.  
FRA (Craig Reges) A Bel H; A Mun H; A Pied-Tus (F Lyon S); F WMod-Tyrr (F Tun S).  
ITA (Andy Cook) A Tus-Ven; F Nap-Tyrr (F Rom S); F Aeg-Bul(sc).  
TUR (Ron Kelly) F Blk-Rum.  
GER (Bob Hartwig) F Kiel S A Ruhr-Hol; A Ruhr-Hol; A Sil-Mun (A Sil S).

Supply Chart:

English A Mos ret Lvn or OTB

AUS Home, <del>War</del> Ser <del>War</del> War Sev Smy Ank MOS CON.....	has 10.....	cven
ENG Home Nwy Swe Den StP.....	" 7.....	even
GER Ber Kiel <del>Mun</del> Hol <del>War</del> .....	" 3.....	-1
FRA Home Spa Por Tun MUN DEL.....	" 8.....	+2
ITA Home Gre BUL.....	" 5.....	+1 (no place to build)
TUR RUM <del>COA</del> .....	" 1.....	even

Press:

Craig (via Germany): My your relationship with Jim be full of what your people enjoy most--  
Think about it.

(Via Austria): Bunke, Prince of Wales was recently expelled from the Univ of Moscow for  
failing to maintain an adequate grade point average. He has been invited to Paris  
for special tutoring in how to improve his performance. Transcripts of the French  
lectures in Munich will be provided to show how it's done.

London: And thus begins the beginning of the end.

Gamenotes: A Combined winter/spring orders are called for.  
All players should note Craig Reges and Bob Hartwigs COA

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It seems that there were two ex-SS Officers walking the streets of Argentina one afternoon  
when they happened to spot a little grey haired man with a small moustash sitting on his  
porch. They recognized the man to be Adolf Hitler. They rushed up to him saying they know  
who he was and would he join them to conquer the world. He denied that he was Hitler but  
after they insisted that he was and the world was "ripe for plucking" he said that he was  
Hitler and that he would led them under one condition. "Anything you wish," they replied.  
"OK," he said, " I'll do it, but this time, NO more Mr. Nice Guy!"

-CE Press con't:

LONDON With the snike heads on the run, Whitehall has issued orders for the destruction of the German Naval base at Kiel.

London: Lt. General Lord Stumblebum (ret.) down with a bad case of shell shock has been heard mumbling about his defrail.

ROME: Will someone put Kaiser Meier out of his misery so we don't have to listen to him anymore? ((Your wish is granted--JHJ)) ((Except for maybe one more time...

Kiel and Munich to the World((under the former ruler)); Now that the german menace is at France's knee (and no longer at his throat) the true ogre is visible. The bellicose, vetunerative, audacious, courageous state of Germany has been shaven down to manageable size. Now that this obstruction is down and away its possible to see what hairy behemoth lurks on the Eastern horizon. Ptui on the Stupe of the Steppe!

Germany declares PEACE on Turkey, friendship and alliance on Austria, forgiveness on England and total loyalty and obedience to France. For the umpteenth time Germany extends its hand to Italy.

From Norway to Syria

There's sorrowed hysteria

A malevolent beast is on the loose,

Russia seeks to cook our collective goose.

Kill and chop, hack and maim, Rip

its hide off its back! No Lip

must we take, no nauseous whine

All its words: a liar's line.

Russia seeks no allies! Slaves

are the grist of its mills! Waves

of its subhuman hoards pour

over Europe in search of gore!

WELL THAT'S IT. HUH? DEADLINES, OH YEAH.

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL GAMES IS SEPT 16th (noon, Saturday).

In case of a mail strike the deadline will be extended on week to Sept. 23rd.

If the strike goes on longer than a week (which I doubt) then the deadline will be extended to reflect the mail delay. Sorry but what can I say?

ALL PEOPLE PLEASE NOTE: Dennis Agosta has NOT recieved the Boardman numbers as of this writing. Any questions that you may have should be directed towards Cal and not Dennis. If the Boardman numbers are to be taken care of the transfer must be done immediately. I do not envy Dennis the job that is in store (unless Cal is clearing it up before he sends it). I have four games needing numbers and so do other publishers. Let's get this cleared up right away before any hard feelings set in.

LASTLY, IS THE "NAME THE PUPPY" CONTEST. We have a new Black German Shepard that unless you help will go through life being know as "Hey, get outta there." Show me all of that good imagination.

THANX